Population of Primitive Tribal Groups

1980. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) population in the country; and

(b) the efforts made for the upliftment of the Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) and progress made in relation to development of these groups?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) The population of Primitive Tribal Groups, according to the 1991 Census, was 2,412,664.

(b) Various schemes/programmes in the sectors of agriculture, animal husbandry, small scale and cottage industry, education, health, drinking water, etc. for the upliftment of the Primitive Tribal Groups under the strategy of Tribal Sub-Plan are being implemented since the Fifth Five Year Plan. From the year 1998-99 an exclusive Central Sector Scheme for the Development of Primitive Tribal Groups has been in operation, under which the following grants are released to the States/UTs and NGOs during the last four years:

Year	Amount released (Rs. in crore)
1998-1999	4.94
1999-2000	6.63
2000-2001	10.71
2001-2002	14.18

In order to ensure better targetting and utilizations of funds, the State Governments/UT Administrations have been asked to conduct a base line survey of the Primitive Tribal Groups in their jurisdiction.

Restoration of tribal land encroached by non-tribals

1981. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have prepared any action plan to restore